From: William Stone
To: Microsoft ATR
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**Subject:** Microsoft Antitrust case settlement

Please see attached letter.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing as a retired American who is in support of Microsoft. I feel the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice was fair and reasonable. There is no reason to drag it out further.

I believe the terms of the Microsoft antitrust settlement of November 2<sup>nd</sup> were reasonable and well thought out. They require significant changes in how Microsoft develops and markets its product. Certainly, other computer makers will now find it easier to work with other software companies' software that directly competes with Microsoft's Windows system.

I'm sure you have looked at this matter thoroughly and will agree to end this case soon. I believe that revisiting the case is continuing to have a negative effect on our economy and slowing its recovery. For the benefit of Wisconsin and the country as a whole, I ask you to leave the settlement be and go on with the business of the country.

Sincerely,

William Stone

cc: Representative Mark Green